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1. Applicant's arguments filed 9/10/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. First, applicant's after-final amendment filed 9/10/08 has been entered because it overcomes the rejections of claims 41 and 42 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Second, applicant's argue that Bauer does not teach positioning at least one elastomeric portion onto a rigid substrate; encapsulating the elastomeric portion on all sides thereof where interconnect(s) are present; and using components of the claimed materials. In regard to positioning at least one elastomeric portion onto a rigid substrate, Bauer teaches that the cover plate and body member can be made of metal, plastic, or any other material that can retain its shape (col 2, lns 51-60; col 5, lns 15-25). In regard to encapsulating the elastomeric portion on all sides thereof where interconnect(s) are present, Bauer teaches that the body member/elastomeric portion is surrounded by injected material. Applicant should note that the encapsulating step is qualified by the phrase "where interconnect(s) are present." Finally, applicant argues that Bauer does not teach the claimed materials. This argument is misplaced because Bauer teaches using components having the claimed materials (col 2, lns 30-32 and 37-60; and col 5, lns 15-25).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EDMUND H. LEE whose telephone number is 571.272.1204. The examiner can normally be reached on MONDAY-THURSDAY FROM 9AM-4PM.

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